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PATH Intl. Joins Human-Animal Interaction Organization

Denver—PATH Intl. is pleased to announce it has joined the International Association of Human-Animal Interaction Organizations (IAHAIO). Its mission is to provide international leadership in advancing the field of human-animal interaction. This is accomplished through research, education and collaboration among their membership, policy makers, clinical practitioners, other human-animal interaction organizations and the general public. Its goals include new research, education, practice development, idea sharing, building collaborations and educating policy and decision makers about the benefits of human-animal interactions.

Because their mission and many of their goals align so well with PATH Intl., because PATH Intl. is a leader in equine-assisted activities and therapies (EAAT) and IAHAIO is looking for a voice to represent the EAAT field, and because this exposes PATH Intl. to what is happening under the larger human-animal interaction umbrella including research, joining IAHAIO is in alignment with the association’s strategic partnership goals and beneficial to the association and its membership.

If you would like information on IAHAIO, please [visit its website](#).

A benefit for current PATH Intl. members is that they will receive the IAHAIO member discount for the IAHAIO international conference, which this year is in Paris, France, July 11-13, 2016. [Click here for more information](#). Join PATH Intl. in representing the EAAT field!

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About PATH Intl.:

The Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International® (PATH Intl.®) was formed in 1969 to promote safety and optimal outcomes in equine-assisted activities and therapies (EAAT) for individuals with special needs. At 866 member centers, nearly 62,000 children and adults, including veterans, may find improved health, wellness and a sense of pride and independence through involvement with horses. Therapeutic horsemanship at member centers may include hippotherapy, equine-facilitated mental health, driving, interactive vaulting, trail riding, competition, groundwork and stable management. Through a wide variety of educational resources, the association helps individuals start and maintain successful EAAT programs. There are more than 55,000 volunteers, 4,666 instructors, 7,672 equines and thousands of contributors from all over the world helping people at PATH Intl. Member Centers.